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For: PACKED COLUMN AND POLYMERIZABLE COMPOUND TREATING METHOD USING THE SAME

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Date: October 27, 2004

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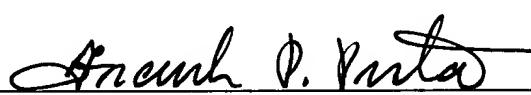
Applicant submitted an Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449 and two references on January 3, 2001, copies of which are attached hereto.

As soon as possible, kindly provide the Applicant with an initialed copy of the Form 1449 indicating Examiner's review of the references cited in the IDS filed January 3, 2001, as the present application has now been allowed and the Issue Fee is due on December 27, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

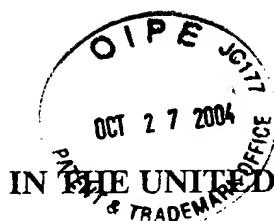
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As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97, the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, a copy of each of which is enclosed. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists, or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

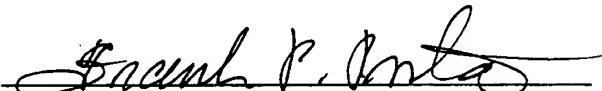
The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

The undersigned attorney of record hereby certifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) that each item of information referenced herein and attached hereto was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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